



NCDOT Train Station Maintenance Funds

A REPORT PURSUANT TO S. L. 2019-231 SECTION 4.22

Report Objective

Pursuant to S. L. 2019-231 Section 4.22 of the North Carolina General Assembly, signed on October 18, 2019, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is pleased to present the below information on its train station maintenance program.

Subsequent to the inception of the NC Train Station Improvement Program in the 1990's, every station on the state-supported services has been improved by local, state, and federal investments. The funding provided under this legislation will allow the state and its local partners to maintain those stations in a state of good repair.

Use of Appropriated Funds for SFY 2020

The Rail Division would like to thank the members of the General Assembly for providing \$1,500,000 towards the train station maintenance fund, which will allow the Rail Division to address critical station maintenance needs and maintain the quality of the State's passenger rail service. The Law specifies that the Selma Union Station Depot will receive \$257,500 of the \$1,500,000, leaving \$1,242,500 to be distributed amongst the other maintenance needs.

The Department will be able to address more of the identified maintenance needs by including a local government match requirement. Using this methodology, the program will address needs which exceed the \$1,500,000 allocated. The Selma Union Station Depot funds for roof repair will not require local matching funds. The station owners will be responsible for administering projects, with assistance from the Rail Division.

Documented Maintenance Needs

During 2018, as required by Session Law 2018-5 Senate Bill 99, the Rail Division met with local representatives and developed a comprehensive list of maintenance needs, with associated costs for each item. The results of the study were reported to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee later that year, and concluded that the cost of all eligible maintenance needs at that time totaled \$6,705,000 (see Table 1). The Department is working with the local government station owners to identify needs that may have arisen or been resolved since that study.

Table 2

Station Location	Number of Projects	Total Estimated Cost
Rocky Mount	18	\$293,000
Wilson	16	\$420,000
Selma	22	\$455,000
Durham	13	\$25,000
Greensboro	17	\$3,062,000
High Point	5	\$820,000
Salisbury	24	\$1,580,000
Kannapolis	7	\$50,000
TOTAL	122	\$6,705,000

Method for Evaluating Projects to Fund

The Selma Union Station Depot roof repairs are not subject to evaluation under the method described below. For all other repairs, the Rail Division has developed a method for evaluating and prioritizing station maintenance needs based on the following:

- 1) age of the original station project and remaining serviceable life;
- 2) severity of further degradation in the absence of repair; and
- 3) availability of local matching funds.

The prioritization process objectively evaluates each submittal from the station owners and allocates the designated funding accordingly, to address the most critical needs. The submittal will also evaluate which needs should be addressed in future years, should additional funding become available.

Preliminary Funding Allocation

The Rail Division has evaluated the 2018 needs using the methodology described above, to develop a preliminary funding allocation (see Table 2). This evaluation is subject to further coordination with each municipality.

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Station	Repair Estimate (w/ Contingency)	State Funding	Local Funding
Wilson	\$ 468,894	\$ 351,670	\$ 117,223
Rocky Mount	\$ 75,988	\$ 56,991	\$ 18,997
Selma	\$ 234,711	\$ 176,033	\$ 58,678
Selma Roof	\$ 257,500	\$ 257,500	\$ -
High Point	\$ 964,456	\$ 375,537	\$ 588,919
Greensboro	\$ 376,359	\$ 282,269	\$ 94,090
Totals	\$ 2,377,907	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 877,906

Local Recurring Maintenance Funds

As recommended in the 2018 report, local governments which are selected to receive state funding will be asked for a commitment to allocate recurring local funds for future station maintenance.

Schedule for Implementation

The Department has developed the below implementation schedule for the FY 2020 station maintenance fund.

Update Maintenance Needs and Prioritize Funding	Underway
Develop Municipal Agreements	Spring 2020
Bidding and Begin Construction	Summer 2020
Closeout	Summer 2021